

**The 'In Memoriam Committee' Report for the SW Branch
of the Entomological Society of America
7 – 10 March 2011 – Amarillo, Texas**

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of four of our fellow entomologists (Mr. John Roger Bolte, Ms. Aminatou Boubakary, Mr. Rodney Sams, and Dr. Jerry Hugh Young). These colleagues have contributed significantly to the science and advancement of Entomology, the success of the Southwestern Branch and the Entomological Society of America and to the defense of our Country.

John Roger Bolte

21 January 1941 – 19 April 2010

John Roger Bolte, age 69, passed away at his home in Breckenridge, OK on 19 April 2010. He was born on 21 January 1941 to Opal and Rosa Bolte near Medford, OK. John married Linda Marie Roggow on 24 May 1969 and they had lived in North Carolina, Kansas, and Oklahoma. John graduated from Jefferson High School, Jefferson, OK, in 1959 as Salutatorian. He served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army from 1960-1963, and was in the Military Police and Color Guard. He attended Northern Oklahoma Junior College in Tonkawa, OK, from 1963-1965, and Oklahoma State University from 1965 – 1970 where



He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Entomology in 1968 and 1970, respectively. Dr. J.A. Hair was his thesis advisor. John was active in the Sanborn Entomology Club while at OSU.

John began his career in October 1970 with the Statistical Reporting Service as a United States Department of Agriculture Statistician in Raleigh, NC. John also was a partner in a stocker-feeder operation and raised corn in Caney, KS, from 1974-1977. He worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture a brief time before accepting the position of Southeast District Area Entomology Specialist with Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension in 1978, headquartered in McAlester, and retired in 1995. After retirement, he again worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture as a Pesticide Field Inspector from 1995-2005.

John was a farm boy at heart and enjoyed gardening, beekeeping, woodworking and furniture refinishing, OSU football and wrestling, and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons: Brad and wife Adena of Mannford, OK, and Karl and wife Carey of Lenexa, KS; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and two brothers, Brook and Opal Gene, who died in a house fire in 1946, and his father, who died in 1979.

Aminatou Boubakary (Amy)

19 September 1982 –14 July 2010

Amy Boubakary, age 28, was born at Garoua, the capital of the North Province of Cameroon, Africa, on 19 September 1982. She died 14 July 14, 2010 at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK. She was hospitalized earlier in the month from an autoimmune response that manifested itself by attacking her liver, causing autoimmune hepatitis. Amy had been working on her M.S. degree with Dr. George Opit since August 2009 under the Fulbright Africa Enhancement Program. Her plans were to return to Cameroon after completing her M.S. degree at OSU and become a competent lecturer and researcher of national



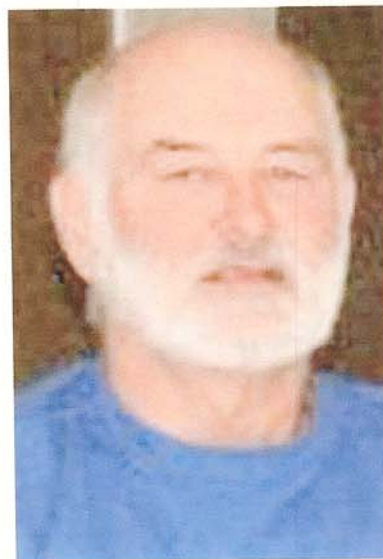
and international recognition at a university where she would develop projects for the amelioration of food security and the practice of integrated pest management. In 2002, Amy received a Cameroon Government Female Scientist Award from the Minister of Higher Education which allowed her to conduct research on the insecticidal activities of *Clausena anisata* by integrating this plant into cereal pest management. She received her Diploma of General University Studies in Biological Sciences in 2003, her B.S. degree in Animal Biology and Physiology in 2004, and her M.S. degree in Food Sciences and Nutrition in 2008, all from the University of Ngaoundere in Cameroon in Africa. Amy was a volunteer for the World Food Organization and was a member of the Organization of Northern Graduated Students. Amy's hobbies included traveling, dancing, reading, strolling in nature, and meeting new people of diverse cultural backgrounds. She always had a smile on her face. Amy is survived by her parents from the Cameroon, and her fiancé, Adamu, who is a graduate student at the University of Maroua in Cameroon. A memorial service was held for Amy on July 16 in Bennett Chapel at OSU.

Rodney Sams

18 January 1948 – 15 January 2011

Rodney Sams, age 65, was born 18 January 1948, in Lompoc, CA to the late Ellen (Lenoire) and A. C. Sams. He passed away on 15 January 2011 in Bandera, TX. Rodney had heart trouble most of his life.

After graduating from Lakeview High School in 1966, Rodney went on to graduate from Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in Entomology in 1970. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army. Upon honorable discharge from the army, he furthered his education receiving his M.S. degree from Texas Tech University. Rodney married Carol



Baxter on 18 January 1986 in Dodd, TX. After graduating, he worked for several years in the 1970s as a Research Assistant with Dr. Jim Smith of Texas A&M University doing research in peanuts. Rodney was a consultant on row crops in the South Texas Plains for several years before he and Carol moved to Bandera, TX in 1992 where continued consulting primarily in apples during the 1990s. The couple were members of the Emmanuel Worship Center in San Antonio.

His memory will be cherished by his wife Carol of Bandera; three daughters, Sonia Dudley and husband Rodger of Hobbs, NM, Beth Been and husband Bo of Austin, TX, and Phebe Sams of Amarillo, TX; two sons, Monty Vaughn and his wife Carolyn of Lubbock, TX; and Russell Vaughn and his wife Norma of Canyon, TX; one sister Susan Sams of California; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jerry Hugh Young

4 August 1931 – 22 October 2010

Dr. Jerry Hugh Young, age 79, was born 4 August 1931 at Lightning Ridge, OK to Leonard T. and Elizabeth Bulloch Young. He passed away on 22 October 2010, in Gainesville, FL and was buried at Lightning Ridge Cemetery near Ada, OK. He attended Fitzhugh Grade School and graduated from Fitzhugh High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry in the 180th Regiment of the 45th Division during the Korean War from 1949 to 1952.

Dr. Young received his A.S. degree in Agriculture from Murray State College in Tishomingo, OK in



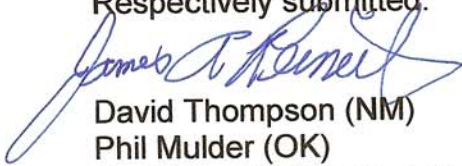
1953, his B.S. in 1955 and his M.S. in Entomology from Oklahoma A&M University. He received his Ph.D. degree in Entomology from the University of California at Berkeley, CA in 1959. His M.S. thesis was entitled, "The Ants of Oklahoma" and his advisor was Dr. D.E. Howell. While a student at OSU, he was active in the Sanborn Entomology Club and the Agriculture Council. He coauthored a book, "Statistical Ecology: A Population Perspective" in 1998 with his wife Linda and authored many scientific publications.

His full-time employment began as an Extension Agent at Oklahoma State University from 1959 to 1960 where he conducted public education on internal parasites of livestock. From 1960 to 1962, he was a Senior Administrative Systems Programmer at OSU where he assisted with the reorganization of the extension specialist system. Dr. Young was an Extension Entomologist from 1962 to 1965 where he coordinated the Oklahoma part of the screwworm eradication program, worked on the brucellosis eradication program, and was involved with IPM of the boll weevil and bollworm complex. He became a Professor of Entomology at OSU in 1965 where he specialized in cotton IPM, insect distributions, host-plant resistance, and systems analysis. He taught Insect Ecology, Statistical Ecology, Insect Morphology, and Use of Computers in Entomological Research. He advised 12 M.S. and 14 Ph.D. students and served on many student committees. He was active in the Entomological Society of America, the Institute of Statistical Ecology, and the Institute of Agricultural Research in Mexico. While working in the Entomology Department, he married Linda J. Cornette Willson. He retired from OSU on 31 May 1990.

After retirement, the family moved to Lincoln, NE where Linda had accepted a position in the Biometry Department at the University of Nebraska and Jerry became a farmer. He retired from corn farming in Nebraska in 2003 and they moved to Gainesville, FL where Linda worked at the University of Florida.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Dr. Linda J. Young, of the home; two sons, John J. Young of San Jose, Costa Rica, and Shamar J. Young of Gainesville, FL; two daughters, RaQwin M. Young of Tallahassee, FL, and Julie Young Crider of Mansfield, TX; and two granddaughters, Tess Crider of College Station, TX, and Cori Crider of London, England.

Respectively submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James A. Reinert". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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